GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REQUEST FROM AFHGANISTAN FOR TEACHERS/DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Afghanistan has recently requested the Union Government to send more teachers and doctors to that country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether India has offered to impart training to Afghani doctors and paramedics here; and

(d) if so, the various other fields in which Afghanistan has sought Indian help and cooperation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) and (b) Health and education sectors are among those which have been identified by both the Government of India and Afghanistan for India`s contribution to economic reconstruction and rehabilitation of Afghanistan. Under India`s assistance programme doctors, English language teachers and IT specialists have been deputed to Afghanistan.

(c) and (d) Training has been imparted to Afghan doctors and paramedics in India. Ten doctors and twelve paramedics have completed their training and nine paramedics are currently undergoing training. Apart from health, India has undertaken, in partnership with the Afghan government, projects in a wide range of sectors, including power, road construction, agriculture, industry, telecommunications, information & broadcasting and education.